

Hawaii MARINE LIFESTYLES

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The Dole Plantation is one of the must-see sites when visiting Hawaii as it offers fun the entire family can enjoy. Located less than an hour from MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, the 240-acre plantation boasts an operational train, “The World’s Largest Maze,” an educational self-guided tour of their gardens, historical displays, and sweet pineapple treats including the DoleWhip.

Dole Whipped



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WAHIAWA, Hawaii — Tucked away on the North Shore of the island of Oahu is a bit of paradise rich in history, beauty and folklore. It is a location where a dream was realized and became a complete success. James D. Dole, founder of the Dole Foods Company, came to Hawaii in 1899. He had only one dream — to make pineapple mean to Hawaii what tobacco means to Havana. Dole single-handedly began the pineapple industry here with 60 acres of rich, red dirt, today known as the Dole Plantation. More than a century later, in 2001, the Dole Plantation received exciting news from the Guinness Book of World Records: one of its attractions was the most popular on earth and befitting of the title “The World’s Largest Maze.”

Visitors to the Pineapple Garden Maze

will hear the sounds of kids’ laughter and squeals directing moms and dads this way, then that, perhaps leading to yet “another dead end” or a breakthrough in the well-manicured, six-foot-tall walls of the maze. Smiles are usually the norm when all complete the maze. Some emerge explaining they tackled it for the sheer joy of solving the puzzle. Others emerge saying they were trying to find the six secret stations hidden inside — within record time — to net them a victory prize

Plantation surprises with full ‘pineapple experience,’ treats



and public, posted notice of their feat. The maze is made up of 11,400 colorful Hawaiian plants and trees, including varieties of hibiscus, the official state flower of Hawaii, and pineapples. “I think it’s great for the kids; in fact, they just got off the train and loved it,” said Tom Harren, from East Oahu. “I love what Dole is doing to preserve what they have here for future generations to enjoy.” The Pineapple Express is one of the newest attractions at the plantation. It was brought all the way from England and makes more than 17 runs a day. “A lot of people can’t believe a train is here on the plantation,” said conductor Keith

Yamauchi. “Visitors really love the plants we have, and leave happy with what they’ve seen and done.” Many take the brief tour of the pineapple variety garden, which boasts 21 varieties from around the world. Offering still further delight is an exotic koi pond teeming with fishes eager to be fed like pigeons in a park. Before their maze and train-filled day has ended, visitors are invited to browse through the Dole Plantation Gift Shop, which stocks a bountiful assortment of pineapple-inspired delights, souvenirs and clothing. For those in need of a treat or to satisfy their sweet tooth, there’s a bakery that serves fresh baked goods such as sweetbreads, cheesecakes and turnovers. But perhaps the most craved delight is the famous DoleWhip, a refreshing, frosty nondairy treat, fresh with cut pineapples. For a more substantial snack or for lunch there is also the pineapple chili dog, chili bowl and chocolate-covered pineapples that tickle fancies. “When visitors leave here, they have received a pineapple experience,” said Kara Gorgonio, operations supervisor. The Dole Plantation can be reached by traveling along the H-2 freeway and following signs to the North Shore. For a more leisurely trip, take Windward side’s Kamehameha Highway to the North Shore, heading left at the fork just past Haleiwa.

For more details on the Dole Plantation experience visit www.dole-plantation.com, or call 621-8408.



Located next to The Pineapple Express, these koi are prone to having feeding frenzies as visitors toss them feed while waiting their turn to tour the plantation.

Santa’s Village returns to K-Bay

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MCCS has decked the Child Development Center with bows of holly, Christmas trees and holiday spirit galore. Why? Because Santa is coming! Mark your calendars, because Santa is making an early pit-stop aboard MCB Hawaii, Saturday, to take Christmas wishes.

Santa will make his grand appearance at the Child Development Center (CDC), from 9 a.m. – 1p.m. All base families are invited to visit this winter wonderland complete with tinselled trees and hundreds of twinkling lights. Bring the little elves to meet, greet and receive a free photo with Santa. Pictures are limited, so arrive early.

Once the keiki are satisfied sitting on Santa’s lap and reciting their holi-



day wish lists, children may participate in the 12 Days of Christmas Crafting. From face painting to ornament making, the children will have numerous activities to keep them in the holiday spirit.

Additional entertainment during this holly-day include light refreshments and the kids’ favorite bouncy house. For more information about the event, call the CDC at 257-1356.

or MCCS Information and Referral at 257-7786.

The overwhelming success of Santa’s Village, every year, has been because of the volunteer support offered by the base community. If you would like to share your holiday spirit and lend your time or services at Santa’s Village, call Marine & Family Services Information & Referral at 257-7786.



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Entranced and surrounded by the magical décor of Santa’s Village last year, an excited young lady poses for her picture with Santa after reciting her Christmas wish list to him. This year’s event also promises fun, holiday entertainment for the keiki.

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Kahuna’s Bar & Grill
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Club NFL — Your club has the latest in NFL Monday Night Football action. Get the folks together for giveaways and more football fun than you’ll get watching somewhere else.

On Monday, watch the Kansas City Chiefs take on the Tennessee Titans.

Black and White Bonanza — Ring in the New Year with festivities at Kahuna’s Bar & Grill and Kahuna’s Recreation Center from 6 p.m. to 3 a.m.



Staff NCO Club
254-5481

Club NFL — Your club has the latest in NFL Monday Night Football action. Get the folks together for giveaways and more football fun than you’ll get watching somewhere else.

On Monday, watch the Kansas City Chiefs take on the Tennessee Titans.

Staff NCO Appreciation Night — Show your appreciation and bring your young devil dogs to the club for a little camaraderie on Wednesday.

Kick back and enjoy a cold one with a few wings or other tasty pupus from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

New Year, New Beginnings Party — Ring in the New Year at the Staff NCO Club on Dec. 31, 8 p.m. – 2 a.m.

There will be party favors, a variety of pupus, champagne and a breakfast of scrambled eggs, grilled ham, fruit platter, S.O.S., biscuits, juice and coffee. In addition, DJ Drisk will be spinning all of your favorites all night.

Advance tickets cost \$25 for members and \$30 for nonmembers. Tickets at the door will cost \$30 for and \$35 for nonmembers.



SM&SP

All events are open to unaccompanied E-5 and below who are active duty Marines or Sailors. The SM&SP Office is located in building 1629, inside the Kahuna’s Recreation Center. Get more details on activities at www.MCCS.Hawaii.com under the “Semper Fitness” icon, or call 254-7593.

Upcoming Events
SM&SP Camp Smith Christmas Party: Head to the Camp Smith Recreation Center on Dec. 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., for free food and giveaways, an Xbox Halo 2 Challenge and a pool tournament.

Polynesian Cultural Center Adventure: Join the SM&SP for an excursion to the PCC, Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. The cost is only \$55.95 per person. The excursion includes a tour of the center, and preferred seating at the IMAX movie. Call the office for details.

SM&SP Benefits
Single Marines and Sailors of MCB Hawaii enjoy many bargains such as the following:

- At the Tennis Courts:* You can get into the swing of things with free tennis lessons Thursdays from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call 258-8081 to make your reservations.

All Hands

K-Bay Parade of Lights — The annual Makani Kai Yacht Club will light up the Bay Sunday with their parade of lights boat parade. Starting at 5 p.m., the beautifully decorated sailboats cruise Kaneohe Bay from Kaneohe Town to Marine Corps Base and return to Makani Kai Yacht Club.

Upon their return, the sailboat participants will be greeted by Santa Claus in the club house.

Bring the family down and watch this festive parade from the end of the marina fuel pier for a close up view or watch from the H-3 lookout point for a distance view.

Ladies’ Night — The Main Exchange will close its doors Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. and reopen at 6 p.m. to female patrons exclusively.

Ladies, this is your opportunity to shop for that special man in your life and for the little ones. Leave the family at home and shop until you drop! Finish up that last minute Christmas shopping or buying something pretty for yourself. There will be great sales so be sure to get there early!

Crafty Christmas — The base library is hosting a Christmas program teaching children the joy of books on Dec. 18 from 1 to 2 p.m.

Children will hear heartwarming stories, participate in holiday activities and enjoy holiday treats. This is an opportune event for children and parents to spend time together.

For more information, call the base library at 254-7624.

Holiday Hours at The Clubs — All clubs will be closed for lunch on Christmas Eve. Kahuna’s Sports Bar & Grill will reopen from 6 p.m. – midnight.

On Christmas Day, all clubs will be closed for lunch but Kahuna’s will reopen from 6 p.m. – midnight.

McDonald’s To Rebuild — On Dec. 31, McDonald’s of Kaneohe Bay will close for approximately 120 days, when the existing building will be torn down and construction will begin on a new structure.

out of their stock with all \$9.95 VHS movies selling for \$5, all \$7.95 movies for \$2 and all \$5.95 VHS movies for \$1.

This sale won’t last forever, so check it out before Dec. 31 to get the best selection.

Entertainment Books — The 2005 Entertainment Books with great discounts on all of your favorite activities and restaurants in Hawaii is on sale now. The books cost \$30 and are great as holiday gifts.

For more details, call Information, Tickets and Tours at 254-7563.

Holiday Dinner Buffet — Make your holiday shopping and cooking a little easier this year, every Friday and Saturday, from Friday through Dec. 31, 6 – 8 p.m.

Sit back, relax and let the chefs at The Officers’ Club cook your meals. Enjoy a buffet of an assortment of salads, carved prime rib, chicken, roast pork, fresh atlantic salmon, snow crab legs, an assortment of desserts and much more.

The cost is \$28.75 per person.

For more details, call 254-7650.

Super Bowl XXXIX — Hosting your own Super Bowl party? The club will have wing platters to go including 50 hot wings, bleu cheese dressing and celery.

Keep it simple, order a platter to go and pick it up at the club on Feb. 6. No hassles, no mess!

Place your order between Jan. 3 and Feb. 6. The cost is \$25.95 for Staff NCO and The Officers’ Club members, and all E-5 and below. Nonmembers pay \$29.95. To order or for more information, call 254-5481.

Pro Bowl Package — Invite family and friends out to the Hawaiian Pro Bowl weekend, Feb. 10 – 14. Leisure Travel is selling a package deal from the West Coast at \$1,099 per person.

The package includes round-trip air transportation from Los Angeles to Honolulu, four-night hotel accommodations, tailgate party on the shores of Pearl Harbor and NFL Pro Bowl game tickets.

To purchase tickets or for more info, call Leisure Travel at 254-7413.

Hiring now — Marine Corps Community Services employs more than 850 employees in retail, food and hospitality, fitness, child and youth activities, water safety, logistics and administration.

Stop by the MCCS Personnel

office located in Building 219. Get a job or career that suits your skills, schedule and style.

Call 254-7619 or visit www.mccs.hawaii.com/jobs_listings.html and find the position that’s perfect for you.

New Military Spouse Class — L.I.N.K.S. is the perfect class for spouses new to the islands or to the Marine Corps lifestyle. L.I.N.K.S. provides basic information necessary to acquaint spouses with the unique aspects of the demands and privileges of military life.

Call 257-2368 for a calendar of their free classes.

Swing Lessons — Kahuna’s Ballroom is teaching you how to dance. Every Monday, swing dance lessons will be taught from 7 to 9 p.m. The cost is only \$2 so grab a partner and get ready to twist, twirl and spin the night away.

For more details, call 254-7660.

Salsa Lessons — Impress her with your fancy foot and hip action. Take a few salsa lessons at Kahuna’s Ballroom every Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and you will be set to hit the town. Lessons are \$2.

For more information, call 254-7660.

NASCAR Sundays — Race to the Kahuna’s Bar & Grill to catch NASCAR. The club opens with breakfast at 7 a.m. and serves selections from the grill menu until closing time at 8 p.m.

Wear your favorite race driver’s gear and receive \$1 off chicken wings.

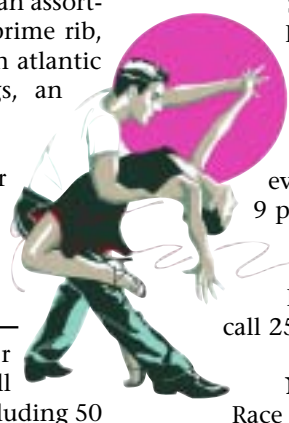
Live NFL Games — Check out all the Sunday NFL games live on DIRECTV at Kahuna’s Sports Bar & Grill and The Staff NCO Rocker Room. The clubs opens at 7 a.m. and breakfast will be available for purchase.


Fix it Yourself — Want to do a little work on your prized vehicle, but don’t have the space or tools to get the job done? Cruise on over to the Auto Skills Center located at Building 3097, next to the 24-hour car wash, and utilize their tools to get your baby back in top form.

Certified Hawaii Safety inspections are also available weekdays from noon to 6 p.m. and weekends and holidays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Keep an eye out next week for a deal at the sealed bid auto auction the Auto Skills Center hosts. Call 254-7674 for more information.

Cash Office — The new check cashing office hours are Mondays – Saturdays, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Sundays and holidays, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.









Officers’ Club
254-7650/7649

Breakfast with Santa — Enjoy Sunday Brunch at The Officers’ Club and bring the kids for a free picture with Santa this weekend.

Brunch will be served from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. The cost is \$17 for members, \$19.50 for nonmembers, \$6.95 for children ages 8 – 12, and \$3.75 for children ages 5 – 7.







MOVIE TIME

***Prices:** Adults (12 and older) are \$3, children 6 to 11, \$1.50 and children 5 and younger, free. Matinee prices are \$2 for adults, \$1 for children. Parents must purchase tickets for R-rated movies in person at the box office for children 16-years-old and younger. For E-5 and below, admission is free to the second show on Friday and Saturday evenings only. Sunday evenings, the price is \$1 for all patrons. Show your ID card at the box office. Call 254-7642 for recorded information.*

***Sneak Preview Policy:** One hour and 45 minutes prior to the movie, tickets will be issued to first priority patrons waiting in line, then second and third priority patrons.*

Surviving Christmas (PG-13)	Today at 7:15 p.m.
Alfie (R)	Today at 9:45 p.m.
The Grudge (PG-13)	Saturday at 7:15 p.m.
Team America: World Police (R)	Saturday at 9:45 p.m.
The Incredibles (PG)	Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
Alfie (R)	Sunday at 6:30 p.m.
Team America: World Police (R)	Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
Ray (PG-13)	Friday at 7:15 p.m.
The Grudge (PG-13)	Friday at 9:45 p.m.

Sergeant lights up downtown square

Bishop Square honors military at tree-lighting ceremony

Cpl. Jared Plotts
U.S. Marine Forces Pacific

HONOLULU — Even Norman Rockwell would have been impressed with the 22nd annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony honoring our military, at Bishop Square in downtown Honolulu, Dec. 2.

The holiday music of the Marine Forces Pacific Band reverberated off the darkened city buildings and danced back into the park as those in attendance watched Sgt. Bryan Cortes and his family light the entire square at 6:20 p.m.

Cortes, along with his wife Noemi, daughter, Maricela and father, Orlando were the guests of honor. Orlando just happened to be visiting from the Chicago area.

“This is a wonderful surprise,” Orlando said with energy. “It’s such a great thing they’re doing.”

Cortes, a motor transportation operator with Combat Service Support Group 3 who returned from an eight-month tour in Iraq Oct. 18, was selected by Gunnery Sgt. Christopher P. Hansen, small ensemble

band leader.

Hansen called CSSG-3 in hopes of finding a combat veteran who’d just returned home for the ceremony.

“They gave me Cortes’ number. I called him at home that night and he was ecstatic and said he’d be more than happy,” Hansen said.

Upon arriving at the ceremony, the Cortes family received the traditional Hawaiian lei greeting and met with good old Saint Nick. The family also met with the popular local musical trio “Kapena” and comedian Frank De Lima, both of whom performed during the ceremony.

As the red, green and white lights amazed the audience, Santa Claus popped out of a chimney top and threw copious amounts of candy at the children.

The ceremony lighting preparations began Oct. 11 and took eight weeks to complete. It took four gentlemen working 90 hours a week to wrap the more than 220,000 lights around the parks numerous trees.

“We’ll draw 467 amps when we light this thing off,”

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Cpl. Jared Plotts
Sgt. Bryan Cortes stands alongside his family as he takes the button that will turn on all the holiday lights in Bishop Square from his daughter, Maricela. Cortes and his family were invited to be the guests of honor at Bishop Square’s 22nd annual tree-lighting ceremony, which was dedicated to Hawaii’s men and women in the armed forces.



Right — Once the tree was lit and the snow was dropped from the sky, children received one final surprise when Santa arrived on a fire truck to pass out candy to all the children at the holiday tree lighting ceremony and concert here Sunday.



Left — Brig. Gen. George J. Trautman III, commanding general, MCB Hawaii, invited three children from the crowd to do the honor of pushing the plunger and lighting the tree.

’Tis the season

Far left — Children of all ages gather around the Christmas tree at Dewey Square here to experience snow fall in Hawaii and enjoy the lights and Christmas decorations during the 2004 Holiday tree lighting ceremony and concert.

Left — The lights and holiday decorations at Dewey Square will be up through the season for all base residents and DoD personnel to enjoy.

Photos by Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Team gives deployment tips



Navy Chaplain (Lt.) Daniel C. Whitaker speaks with parents about how he dealt with being deployed and offered tips on how to keep up communication with his children.

Parents, children get first-hand tips on maintaining bond with those deployed

Story and Photos by
Cpl. Michelle M. Dickson

Media Clerk

The School Community Based Transition Team held a presentation at Mokapu Elementary School Dec. 2, offering tips to help military kids deal with the deployment of their family members.

“The younger kids sometimes don’t realize why their mother or father is gone,” said Kristen Darling, the community representative for the team. “The older kids do understand and need to live with the fear of a parent getting hurt. The parent has to cope with the feelings of their children, and their own feelings as well.”

The six-member team was formed in April to not only cover issues such as deployments, but also other transition topics for children such as arriving to new schools, pre-school to elementary school and other issues which might be difficult for a youth, said Darling.

The hour-long presentation involved different speakers who have experienced deployments and included their own tips to make the situation a little easier on the families.

Navy Chaplain (Lt.) Daniel C. Whitaker spoke of his deployment to Iraq and how he dealt with leaving his wife and three children behind.

“The key component is the communication of feelings,” said Whitaker. “A deployment will really

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Parents listen intently to the “When Kids Get Deployed” briefing held at Mokapu Elementary School, Nov. 2.



Whitaker shows parents in Mokapu Elementary School all the pictures and activities he still took part in with his children while deployed.

"When Kids Deploy" activity ideas include parent/child activity cards, recipes and menus, coloring books, and more. One of the newer activities is known as Buddy System Kits. In this, children in the same grade who may not know each other, but have

Have toy, will rumble

Right — Bo Irvine, Base Safety director, local comedian and avid motorcyclist, hauled SpongeBob SquarePants and a box of toy blocks as a donation during Sunday's 30th Annual Street Bikers United Toy Run. The annual ride benefits the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program and drew thousands of motorcyclists from around the state for camaraderie and to rally for needy children.

Below — Motorcyclists stopped traffic and pedestrians alike as they thundered through the streets from Magic Island to Waikiki and on toward Kapiolani Community College, where their toy donations were collected. Mayor-elect Mufi Hannemann took time out to serve as Grand Marshall and led the procession.

For those wanting to donate toys to the cause, they can be dropped off at: Anderson Dining Hall (Saturday only), Children's Discovery Center, all Hawaii Dodge Dealers, Long's Drugs, Subway, Bank of Hawaii, Toys "R" Us, UPC Swipe, Marketplace at Kapolei, Easy Money Group, Foodland Grocery Drop Off, Kaneohe Bay Shopping Center, The Zone at Pearlridge Mall, KB Toys, Navy Federal Credit Union, Windward Community FCU. For more information, call 257-2531, ext. 227.



Steve Kalnasy



Gunnery Sgt. Claudia M. LaMantia

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Free Makepono Ads
The deadline for submitting ads is at 4 p.m. the Friday of the week prior to publication.
For more details, call 257-8836 or 257-8837.



Toy Run Scheduled for K-Bay
Marine Aircraft Group 24 is showing their support for Toys for Tots with an organized ride set to roll through base Saturday, at 10 a.m. There will be a free pre-ride brunch, for all riders who R.S.V.P., at 9 a.m. at Anderson Dining Hall before the procession leaves.
All DoD personnel are welcome to join the MAG-24 riders and all base residents and DoD personnel are encouraged to drop off their new or unused toys at the drop-off point at Anderson Dining Hall Saturday.
To R.S.V.P. for brunch, call Gunnery Sgt. Rochon at 218-2532 by close of business today.

Holiday Cheer is near at Bishop Museum
The North Pole's favorite resident will be among the festivities at Bishop Museum's 2nd Annual Candy Cane Lane from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.
The family-fun holiday event will also feature arts and crafts, a holiday

train ride, festive entertainment, food and lots of activities for the kids.
For more details, call 847-3511.

Wheeler Invites Service Members to Celebration
Holiday Ohana Day 2004 will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Army National Guard Aviation Hangar on Wheeler Army Airfield, Wahiawa.
Festivities will include live music from the Air Force Band of the Pacific, entertainment by the Hawaii Pacific University dancers, karaoke, a visit from Santa, games, free lunch, popcorn and shaved ice.
The event is being held to show support and appreciation for the families of deployed U.S. military personnel. It is open to all active duty, guard and reserve families with deployed service members.

MCX Offers Prizes for Super Star Students
The Marine Corps Exchange is kicking off the fourth year of its Super Star Student program, which rewards students with good grades by giving them opportunities to win great prizes.



Each of the 16 Marine Corps Exchanges are rewarding patrons in grades 6 through 12, who maintain a B average or better for the grading period. Each Super Star Student will receive one scratch-off card per grading period with the chance to win prizes. There are three grand prizes per Main Exchange to include a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond and two \$500 Savings bonds.
To be eligible, students must be authorized MCX patrons and visit their local MCX store manager within 30 days of receiving their report card. Prizes must be claimed within 30 days.
For more information, students should contact their local Marine Corps Exchange.

Range Facility Promotes Marksmanship Proficiency
Kaneohe Bay Range Training Facility is hosting a recreational firing program to promote marksmanship proficiency and firearm safety Friday afternoons.
This program is open to all active, reserve and retired military personnel and their guests aboard MCB Hawaii, as well as local, state and federal law enforcement personnel.
The range will open for authorized

personnel and their guests from noon to 3 p.m. on Fridays of scheduled marksmanship training weeks. The type of firing will rotate weekly among rifle, pistol and shotgun firing.
Active duty Marines and Sailors stationed aboard MCB Hawaii are authorized to fire their Table of Organization weapons for practice during recreational fire. Call the Range Control Office for details.
Two firing guests, aged 14 and older, per military member will be allowed.
To participate, call the range control office by the close of business the Wednesday prior to the rec-fire they plan to attend. For more details about the program, call the Range Control Office at 257-3180.

Adults Sought to Change a Pregnant Teen's Life
The Mary Jane Program of Catholic Charities Hawaii is seeking safe and caring foster homes to place teenage girls who are unable to stay with their own families during their pregnancy. Currently, there's demand for licensed "host homes" throughout Oahu.
The teen is placed under the family's care at any point of her pregnancy, for up to four months after giving birth.
For more details, call 263-2958.